

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: DAVID M. LONG)
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TITLE: APPARATUS FOR)
IMPROVING HUMAN)
MOBILITY ON SNOW)
SURFACES)
) RESPONSE B WITH AMENDMENT
SERIAL NO.: 09/998,813)
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FILED: October 24, 2001)
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EXAMINER: B. Fischmann)
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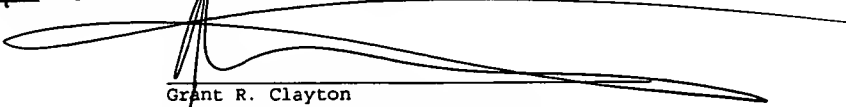
Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, Paper No. 7 mailed December 5, 2003, applicant requests entry of this Response B With Amendment and reconsideration of the above-captioned application. This response addresses every ground of rejection set forth in the Office Action.

A shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months was set for response to the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant

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petitions for a three-month extension of time and check no. 7630 in amount of \$475.00 to cover the corresponding fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-0836.

The total number of independent and dependent claims under examination has not increased and therefore no additional fee in this regard is required.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendment to the Drawings begin on page 11 of the letter.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.